

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on February 20, 2003 at 9:03 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 408, 2/17/2003; SB 414,
2/17/2003
Executive Action: SB 414, SB 408, SB 376

HEARING ON SB 408

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:06 **SEN. LINDA NELSON, SD 49, Medicine Lake** "Adjustment to state income tax for certain health care professionals".

Proponents' Testimony:

9:09 Jim Ahrens, President, MT Hospital Assoc.
9:10 Sami Butler, RN, MT Nurses Assoc.
9:11 Mary Mc Cue, MT Dental Assoc.
9:12 Jani Mc Call, Deaconess Billings Clinic
9:13 Pat Melby, MT Medical Assoc.
9:14 John Flink, MT Hospital Assoc. read letter from Larry Putnam, Administrator, Malta Hospital

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:17 Begin
9:30 Ended
13 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor:

9:30 **SEN. NELSON** closed on SB 408.

HEARING ON SB 414

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:31 **SEN. GERALD PEASE, SD 3, Lodge Grass,** "Revise criteria for gasohol tax incentive payments".

Proponents' Testimony:

9:32 Dave Galt, Director, Department of Transportation
9:37 Pat Joyce, Rocky Mountain Ethanol **EXHIBIT (tas38a01)**
EXHIBIT (tas38a02)
9:39 Nancy Schlepp, MT Farm Bureau & MT Grain Growers Assoc.
9:40 Barbara Broberg, Women Involved in Farm Economics

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:41 Begin
9:59 Ended
18 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor:

9:59 **SEN. PEASE** closed on SB 414.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 414

Motion:

10:00 **SEN. JOHN BOHLINGER** moved that **SB 414 DO PASS**. **Motion:**
SEN. STORY moved that **SB 414 BE AMENDED** and explained
the proposed amendments. Lee Heiman will draft
amendments
SB041401.alh **EXHIBIT**(tas38a03). **Vote:** Motion on the
amendments **carried unanimously** with **ELLINGSON** and **MC**
NUTT voting by proxy.

Motion: **SEN. BOHLINGER** moved that **SB 414 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.

Discussion:

10:02 Begin
10:11 Ended
9 min Time elapsed

10:11 **Vote:** Motion **DO PASS AS AMENDED** carried unanimously
with **ELLINGSON** and **MC NUTT** voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 408

10:12 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. MIKE TAYLOR** moved that **SB 408 DO**
PASS. Motion carried 10-1 with **GLASER** voting no and
ELLINGSON and **MC NUTT** voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 378

Motion:

10:15 **SEN. ROBERT STORY** moved that **SB 378 BE INDEFINITELY**
POSTPONED and related information he had obtained.

Discussion:

10:19 Begin
10:34 Ended
15 min Time elapsed

10:34 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** **SEN. JIM ELLIOTT** made a
substitute motion that **ACTION ON SB 378 BE POSTPONED**
FOR FUTHER CONSIDERATION. Substitute motion carried
10-1 with **DE PRATU** voting no and **ELLINGSON** and **MC NUTT**
voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 376

10:36 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. ELLIOTT moved that SB 376 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously with ELLINGSON and MC NUTT
voting by proxy.

10:37 SEN. ELLIOTT requested he be allowed to change his vote
on SB 414 to a "yes" vote which is noted in the
official executive action on the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 353

10:39 **Motion:** SEN. BOHLINGER moved that SB 353 DO PASS and
moved the amendments SB 035301.alh **EXHIBIT(tas38a04)**.
Vote: Motion **carried 9-0** with ELLINGSON and MC NUTT
not voting by proxy.

Discussion:

10:40 Begin
10:42 Ended
2 min Time elapsed

10:42 A new fiscal note will be requested because of the
amendments. The bill will be left on the table and
referred to the Sub-committee for further consideration
with the new amendments and fiscal note.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:43 A.M.

SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tas38aad)